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Bible Teaching

I am currently serving as the Lay Training Officer for the Diocese of Blackburn, where I lead the Authorised Lay Ministry training pathway and organise continuing ministerial development for both our LLMs and ALMs. Alongside this role I am also completing a PhD with Trinity College Bristol, researching the leader-as-shepherd metaphor in John's Gospel.

I arrived at my calling to theological education through a long and winding road that started with a music degree followed by training to be a primary school teacher, which I quickly realised wasn't for me! When I attended Bible School through a local church, I realised I was called to teach theology to grown-ups, and so eventually pursued an MA in theology, before embarking on the PhD.

I have been in Church all my life, and in that time have had many life-giving experiences along with some darker experiences of abuse. This has formed a passion in me for teaching about leadership from a theological perspective as I desire to see healthy leaders lead others in healthy ways that results in the Body of Christ growing up into maturity. My particular areas of research and teaching interests include John's Gospel, the shepherd metaphor, leadership theology, spiritual abuse, and hermeneutics.

Outside of my nerdy work and study life, I find joy in creativity through Bible journaling and making paper flowers, along with tending my new and growing garden. My long-suffering husband and collection of cats keep me company on my journey of life.

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PETER AS FOLLOWER AND LEADER

Peter 1: Changing Our Expectations of Jesus

TEXT: MARK 8:22-38

1. The Revelation

   'Who do you say that I am?'

   What has informed your answer?

Key Insights

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2. The Rebuke

What are the 'human things' you are tempted to set your mind on?

3. The Recalibration

What elements of Jesus' path of discipleship are challenging you right now?

Key Insights

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Peter 2: Reinterpreting our Relationship with Jesus

TEXT: JOHN 13:1-17

1. Receiving the ministry of Jesus

   The challenge of vulnerability

   The challenge of understanding servant-leadership

Key Insights

'Jesus washes our feet. He stoops down to touch one of the most blatantly broken areas of our body. Our feet often reveal the struggle of the journey we've lived. They bear the wounds of ill-fitting footwear, and of a long, arduous meandering through life. Our feet often reveal the weight we've been carrying; the pain we've been holding; they reveal the place we are most vulnerable. They sometimes smell, and constantly remind us of our shortcomings. So, when Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, he's touching them at their most vulnerable, broken, and tired place of their body. For Jesus, washing our feet is not a matter of making us sanitary. This act is a matter of seeing us in the place we most often want to hide. In bending down to touch and wash our feet, Jesus says, "I see you, I know you, and I love you."'

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Peter 2: Reinterpreting our Relationship with Jesus

2. Repeating the example of Jesus

3. Revealing the heart of Jesus

Key Insights

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Peter 3: Recognising Reactions to Fear

TEXT: MATTHEW 26:31-56, 69-75

Common reactions to fear

1. Bravado

2. Withdrawal

3. Violence

4. Denial

Which reaction/s do you identify in your own responses to fear?

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Why do we react to fear in these ways?

1. Lack of self-awareness

2. Lack of understanding of the big picture

3. Lack of trust in Jesus

4. Self-protection

Only in the light of truth can we respond in different ways.

Key Insights

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Peter 4: Knowing our Identity and Calling through Encounter with Jesus

TEXT: JOHN 21

1. Return to the familiar

2. Reconciliation

Key Insights

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3. Restoration

4. Reminder

Key Insights